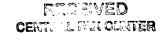U.S. Application No. 09/838,147   0171.40027X00

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 7 ~~illustrate~~ illustrates a user interface showing steps in the reception of information in accordance with the present invention; and

On page 8, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 16 and ending at line 32, with the following amended paragraph:

In more detail, and with reference to Figure 4, there is shown a Main Deck 60 comprising three cards: a Start Card 61, an Option Card 62 and an Exit Card 63. On activation of a WAP session, the Main Deck 60 is loaded into the browser and the Start Card 61 is automatically activated. The start card 61 has a first portion 61a which defines a number of parameters each of which is assigned a value reflecting the value of the parameter in a "master copy" (not shown) of the content stored in the server 20. The second portion 61b of the Start Card 61 updates the parameter values to reflect the value of the parameters stored locally in the client 1. The second portion 61b sequentially effects access to Link Decks 64 that form the second level in the hierarchy, each of which respectively effects access to a WML Deck 65 and Storage Deck 66 in a third layer of the hierarchy. Thus the second portion 61b ensures that the Link Decks 64, WML Deck 65 and Storage Deck 66 are loaded into a client cache from the server 20 if not already there. The WML Deck 65 comprises content such as an email or news piece, whilst a corresponding Storage Deck 66 contains parameters associated with the WML Deck 65 such as whether the email or news piece has been ~~read~~ read.

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On Page 9, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11, with the following replacement paragraph:

The Exit Card 63 is accessed when the application entered through the Main Deck 60 is exited. The exit card 63 is used to keep the "master records" stored in the server 20 in line with the records stored and updated in the browser. The storage decks 66 each store parameters that may vary during an application session. For example the parameter indicating whether a mail or news piece has been read will change if the WML deck 65 containing the email or news is ~~accessed also~~ accessed. Also a parameter may indicate that the user has chosen to delete a news piece or email. The exit card 63 creates a message that identifies the new values of the changed parameters and sends it to the server 20.

On Page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8, with the following replacement paragraph:

In the case where the contents are the browser settings for a gateway necessary to access a specific ~~service they~~ service, they are stored in an SMS text message format with an appropriate identifier in the header and through the WAPpush mechanism set out previously in relation to the Deck and URL content, the content is transmitted to the receiving terminal 1b. Different services may be accessed through one gateway via the same settings in the terminal. In the event that the receiving terminal 1c is not WAP enabled, the content will be rejected in the manner described (time out a sending terminal) above in relation to the other forms of content. Although the option of sending the content via the SMS route could be carried ~~out there~~ out, there does not seem to be any practical benefit in sending such content to a non enabled terminal 1c. However, assuming the receiving terminal 1b is WAP enabled, an application resident on the receiving terminal 1b identifies that the content is a browser setting from the header of the SMS text message. The application then prompts the recipient, via the UI, to either discard the browser settings or to store them in the terminal for later use.

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